

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

Q1 Figure 3 is a schematic top cross-sectional view of the fireplace of Figure 2 along line A-A 3-3, including embodiments of the flame simulation apparatus of Figure 1;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

Q2 Figure 4 is a schematic side cross-sectional view of the fireplace of Figure 2 along line B-B 4-4, including embodiments of the flame simulation apparatus of Figure 1;

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

Q3 Figure 8 is a schematic exploded view of the fireplace including the embodiment of the flame simulation apparatus of Figure 8 7; and

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

Q4 Referring to Figure 7 6, another embodiment of flame simulation apparatus 212 is shown. Flame simulation apparatus 212 includes mechanical means 252. Mechanical means 252 includes an electric drive motor 258 coupled to a flame element mounting frame 242 through a drive shaft 295. The drive shaft 295 is operatively connected to electric drive motor 258 through a reciprocating assembly that includes a rotatable disk 296. The drive shaft 295 is pivotably connected at one end to the disk 295 296 and at its other end to the flame element mounting frame 242.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

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AS The flame element mounting frame 242 can be any structure that supports a flame element 214. Referring to Figure 5 6, the flame element mounting frame 242 includes a shaft portion 297 and, optionally, a fan portion 298 rotatably connected to the shaft portion 297. The flame element mounting frame 242 can be coupled to a blower 250, or any other suitable air moving device, to generate rotation of the fan portion 298 and the flame element 214, coupled thereto.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

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AL Referring to Figure 8 7, a mesh screen 188 can be coupled to the decorative assembly 184 of fireplace 100. Figure 8 is schematic exploded view of fireplace 100, including mesh screen 188.

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